

# KESHER

Our Seventy-Fifth  
Year!

FROM RABBI SAM

## Tu B'Av and ...

The Hebrew month of Av, which this year is mostly in August, is traditionally a month of mourning and fasting. The first nine days of the month conclude the three week period that was referred to in the July Rabbi Keshet article. But then, on the 15th day of the month, not coincidentally the time of the full moon, is a Jewish day of ultimate love and romance. It is a time that, as the Talmud declares, young women should dress in white and go out to the fields and dance. Unmarried young men of marriageable age were instructed to go out and find with whom they could share their life.

The Talmud, in fact declares that this day is as holy as Yom Kippur. Ever since that time, various commentaries have arisen to explain this strange juxtaposition. Those interested in exploring these writings further are encouraged to read such sites as:

[www.myjewishlearning.com](http://www.myjewishlearning.com) (liberal)

[www.chabad.org](http://www.chabad.org) (lubavitch chassidic)

[www.aish.com](http://www.aish.com) (orthodox)

In seasonal and astronomical ways, however, the holiday one could compare with Tu b'Av is Chanukah. Tu b'Av always occurs on the full moon (of course) in the mid summer months from mid July to mid August. This is the time that the nights clearly begin to get longer and the days shorter. The sun is setting earlier by this time of the summer. In general, this is the time that there is

the greatest amount of light over the course of the day/night cycle for those of us in the Northern Hemisphere. The full moon continues the light of the day well into the short night. The full moon of this long light period is a natural time for enhanced romance and match-making.

Chanukah, on the other hand, is the time of the darkest longest nights. It starts during the final quarter (the 25th day) of the moon in the Hebrew month of Kislev. This arrives sometime between the final days of November and the last week of December. Thus it became a time to seek ways to bring more light into homes and communities. Lighting of candles to stave off the increasing darkness of lengthening nights was a natural response to this time of darkness and, perhaps, growing despair.

Certainly there are different ways one can approach the traditions, customs, and ritual observances in Judaism. Indeed, this is very much what we are all about. The Torah, Talmud, traditional teachings, and modern interpretations and practices are all available to guide us in leading the best personal and religious life we may seek.

Ultimately, the final choice is up to us. We can find others to learn from and with — as provided by Temple Israel, among many other opportunities — and we can seek out advice on ways to find and create meaning in the tradition. But, in the end, the responsibility is on each of us.

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### TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday through Friday 9:00 am – 1:30 pm**

#### **KESHER**

*Kesher*, Connection,  
 is the newsletter  
 of Temple Israel  
 Dover, NH.

Ideas for submissions and/or letters to the editor may be submitted by members of the Temple Israel family and all others who would like to share news or information with the Temple community.

All communication with the Editor should be by e-mail. Publication of any flyer or any other article or submission is limited by editorial and space considerations.

The deadline for submission is the twentieth (20th) of the month for the following month's issue of *Kesher*.

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 TempleOffice  
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or

Rabbi Sam Seicol  
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## **Shabbat@Temple Israel**

### **Friday nights 7:30**

### **Saturday mornings 10:30**

**Please note special service times**

- **Friday August 1**      **First Friday Shabbat**  
    **6:30 Pot-luck Dinner & Service**  
    *We will share the before and after dinner blessings*
- **Saturday August 2**      **10:30 Full service with Torah**
- **Friday August 8**      **7:30 Shabbat evening Service**
- **Saturday August 9**      **10:30 Torah Study**  
    **11:30 Shabbat Tots Program**
- **Friday August 15**      **7:30 Third Friday Shabbat**  
    **Summer Service outside**
- **Saturday August 16** **10:30 Torah Study**
- **Friday August 22**      **7:30 Shabbat evening Service**
- **Saturday August 23** **10:30 Torah Study**
- **Friday August 29**      **7:30 Shabbat evening Service**
- **Saturday August 30** **10:30 Torah Study**

**Please note:**

### **All Summer Onegs are Pot-Luck**

# Mazal Tov



Join us Friday evening  
**August 1, 6:30 PM**  
 as we offer our wishes to  
 our August celebrants  
 following the dinner.

## Birthdays

Maddy Shuldman(4), Bill Schoonmaker(4)  
 Hazel Durand-Proud(4), Edith Newman(7)  
 Karen Hiller(13), Mary Kaye(17),  
 David Kaplan(18), Samantha Fisher(18),  
 Baylee Jacobs(19), Rick Robbins(22),  
 Ethan Caracoglia(22), Dani Mia Fuchs(23)  
 Samuel Cartmill(24), Marjorie Raven(26)  
 Erin Anderson(27), Savanna Weinstein(28)  
 Martin Jaffe(29), David Ramsay(30),  
 Tess Kontarinis(30)

## Anniversaries

Aaron & Gina Kahn(1),  
 Mitchell & Diane Shuldman(11),  
 Rob & Lois Costa(11),  
 David & Karen Mott(12),  
 Rabbi Sam & Jenni Seicol(18)

## Have You heard rumors about the Temple

The Temple is currently in a time of transitions. During this time, the Board is working hard to create the best future for the Temple community. As specific details are available, these will be shared by email and on the webpage. Options and possibilities that present themselves often change from day to day and week to week.

If you would like to be involved, more directly, in the process of creating our new directions, you are welcome to speak with Steve Brody about being on the Board.

### For more information or to report all rumors to:

Steve Brody ([president@doverteremple.org](mailto:president@doverteremple.org))  
 or  
 Rabbi Sam ([rabbisam@doverteremple.org](mailto:rabbisam@doverteremple.org))



Please welcome  
 our new member  
*Mark Sklar*

# From the Sisterhood

Sisterhood has been an important part of our Temple for many years.

This year we will be working in a different format than in the past, under the guidance of Co-Presidents Stacey Segil and Karen Mott, Secretaries Karen Hiller and Lisa Weinstein, and Treasurer Patty Diengott. Our goal for this year is to renew and strengthen Sisterhood by encouraging women to participate.

Sisterhood's major responsibilities:

Funding all the supplies for meals (i.e. paper plates, cups, napkins, etc.), providing the flowers and arrangements on the bimah, operating the Judaica Gift Shop, maintaining the library, and providing the Temple's women with opportunities to socialize.

**To join or for more information, please contact one of the co-Presidents:**

**Stacey Segil [sbsegil@gmail.com](mailto:sbsegil@gmail.com) or 603 343-5789**

**Karen Mott [kgmaus54@yahoo.com](mailto:kgmaus54@yahoo.com) or 603 767-6785**

## *Sisterhood Sponsored Evening*

**HACKMATACK PLAYHOUSE Berwick, Maine**

***MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT***

**Thursday, August 7, 2014**

**The show begins at 8:00 but stop by between 7:00-7:45  
for summer refreshments under the Temple Israel Tent.**

**Ticket prices: Adult \$25, Senior \$23, Students \$10-\$15**

**To purchase tickets for this event contact:**

**Temple Office: (603) 742-3976 [templeoffice@dovertemple.org](mailto:templeoffice@dovertemple.org)**

**Cathi Cherry-Liston: (603) 312-8152 [ccherryliston@yahoo.com](mailto:ccherryliston@yahoo.com)**

**We celebrate the memory of Ann Isacoff**  
From her tribute book — pick up your copy today  
(copies are available at the Temple — a donation is welcome)

**The Power of Prayer Part 2**  
(continued from the July Keshher)

**Cast of Characters: Narrator 3 men**

**And Now: Man # 3**

Man #3: Now I see what I have to do to get across. (So he too gets down on his bended knees, and starts praying to God). Please God, give me the strength, and the tools, and the intelligence to cross this raging river.

Narrator: Poof, poof (in a cloud of smoke), and God turns him into a woman. She takes off her baseball cap and shakes out her hair, which is tucked under it. Takes off her slacks under which she has a dress. She looks at her map and says I'm going to hike upstream a couple of hundred yards, and walk across the bridge.

**Temple Israel of Dover is active  
in cyberspace!**

In addition to checking the website regularly,  
please join us at one of both of:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/42322897909/>

<http://www.interfaithfamily.com/elgg/pg/groups/2598/temple-israel/>



# Temple Israel in the Community

## The Dover Food Pantry

Items can be donated to the Food Pantry any time.

Drop off may done at the Temple.

The Food Pantry is open  
Tuesdays 3-5PM and Thursdays 9-11AM

**In addition to donations of  
food and/or personal items  
volunteers are always welcome  
to help work at the Dover Food Pantry.  
Please contact Karen Robichaud  
at (603) 749-4235 or [blrklr2@aol.com](mailto:blrklr2@aol.com)**

## The Dover SHARE Fund

directly assists local residents with needs that are  
not met through other helping agencies,  
providing them with shelter  
and support for utilities and medical care.

Your support is appreciated!

[www.dovershare.org](http://www.dovershare.org)

## Dover Friendly Kitchen

**MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!  
PLEASE JOIN THE COMMUNITY!!!**

Temple Members help serve dinner at the  
Dover Friendly Kitchen on the first Tuesday  
of each month at St. Thomas Church Parish  
Hall on Locust Street. Temple Israel's ef-  
fort needs people to help cook, serve and  
clean. We are there from 3:45 until around  
6:15. Volunteers do not need to come for  
the whole time. For more information or to  
let me know if you plan to attend, please  
contact me.

We welcome everyone's help!

Thank you!

*Andra Welch, Coordinator*

[abbwelch@yahoo.com](mailto:abbwelch@yahoo.com) or 534-4142

## Dover Chapter of Hadassah

The Dover Chapter of Hadassah is offering greeting cards and certificates for purchase to help Hadassah fund the various charities and educational opportunities that they provide in Israel and elsewhere. Both cards and certificates come in a variety of styles. A sample is pictured here.

We have many to others choose from. Cards are \$2.50/each; small certificates sell for \$5.00/each; and the trees are \$15/each. There are also Water Certificates (helping to keep the Israeli desert irrigated) cost \$18/each.

Please consider purchasing a card or certificate to mark a special occasion, offer get-well wishes, honor or congratulate someone, or offer expressions of sympathy. Small certificates and tree and water certificates can be inscribed with your wishes to the recipient; cards will be signed as you wish.

You may purchase the cards by calling Donna M. Goldfarb at (603) 674-9168.

Please have the name and address of recipient, as well as any message you would like to have on the card/certificate readily available when you call.

Checks for the purchase should be made out to The Dover Chapter of Hadassah and sent to:  
Ilese Stevens at 4 Razorbill Circle, Durham, NH 03824. )

**In most cases, cards will be sent out the day they are ordered.**



## JULY DONATIONS

## AUGUST YAHRZEITS

*All are encouraged to honor the memory of loved ones and/or to offer tributes to friends, relatives and community members through a donation to one or more of the funds.*

*We express our appreciation to:*

## General Fund

Rita Novak –

Congratulations to Muriel Slutzky in honor of her granddaughter Rachel's graduation from the University of Edinberg, Scotland Carole Krassner –

In honor of the B'not Mitzvah

### *Yahrzeit Donation*

Rita Novak –

In memory of Goldie Saunders Muriel Slutzky –

In memory of Goldie Saunders Alan Nasberg

## Hospital Visits:

### Please keep us informed!

If you or someone you know will be or is in the hospital please call the Temple office. You can also ask a nurse to see the hospital chaplain, who can call the Temple to let us know that you are there. Rabbi Sam and the Temple Israel community would like to be able to offer support and comfort to you and your family as you may desire.

**NOTE:** *Yahrzeits are recorded according to the Hebrew date, so the English date will vary each year.*

*It is traditional to make a donation in memory of the Yahrzeit of a loved one. To make a donation, please contact the Temple Office.*

**Week of August 2:** Myra Fine (27), Loretta Moon (30), Augusta Verner (30), Beatrice Weiner (1), Saul Wiseman (1) Anthony Blum (2), Irving Fan (2)

**Week August 9:** Pearl Goldberg (3), Frank Cohen (3), Allen H. Toby (3), Harry Goren (4), Philip H. Miller (4), Celia Levy Pines (5), Ruth Zeff (5), Sam Jacobs (6), Chester A. Kennon (6), Barnet Bordetsky (6), Ruth Seligson (7), Michael Goodstein (7), Benjamin Edelstein (7), Sadie Rockenmacher (8), Hilda Kleinhandl (9), Max Flescher (9)

**Week of August 16:** Sadie Medved (10), Berla Mae Grant (11), Rose Verner (12), Thomas Peters (12), Albert Issokson (13), Max Isacoff (13), Marlean Willensky (14), Curtis Most (15), Elsie Klein (15), Raymond Newton (16), Max Cohen (16)

**Week of August 23:** Jeannie Daniels (17), Lilian R. Rubin (18), Bertha Wolfson Shapiro (18), Meyer Hiller (18), Bertha Stein (18), Ivor Frank (19), Irene R. Lindy (19), Saul Smokler (19), Alice Cohen (20), William Hymanson (21), Virginia Lipman (23), Pearl Edwards (23), Sidney Robbins (23)

**Week of August 10:** Mollie Grossman (24), Auxilia Marie Nye (24), Murray Daniels (26), Ruth Goldman (26), Eva Pastor (27), Esther Weinstein (28), Marvin Poster (29), Samuel Sibulkin (30), Judah Wise (30)

**Week of September 6:** William Kleinhandle (31), Robert Dick (1), Betty Doris Kates (1), Krissy Yanofsky (2), Dyna Dykerman (3), Mary Nicole (3), George Nielsen (3), Arthur Yaffee (3), Myer Saunders (4), Samuel Goldstein (4), Charles Zinck (4), Nathan Issokson (4), Fredrick L. Diengott (5), Harry Stein (5)

## Memorial Wall

Members may add the name of a loved one or reserve a space on the Memorial Wall with a minimum contribution of \$300. Please contact the Temple Office for more information.



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*Temple Israel is a vibrant Reform Jewish congregation. We welcome all who wish to participate in Jewish study, worship, and fellowship. Our mission is to be a center for Jewish tradition, Shabbat and holiday services and programs, sharing of life-cycle events, opportunities for Jewish education for all ages, connection to Israel, and involvement in the wider Jewish world and support for all who are in need.*

*Temple Israel is a proud member of the URJ (Union for Reform Judaism) We join with more than 800 congregations in the Reform synagogue movement.*

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# August 2014

## Happening at Temple Israel of Dover

- 01** 6:30 First Friday Shabbat Dinner Service  
Pot-luck Family style Shabbat Dinner  
*The dinner will include the blessings before and after the meal and a blessing for August birthdays & anniversaries*
- 02** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Service
- 08** 7:30 Shabbat Service
- 09** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study  
11:30 Shabbat Tot Service and Program  
Shabbat story and outdoor activity
- 15** 7:30 Music & Meditation Shabbat Service  
Summer Service outside
- 16** 10:30 Shabbat Morning Torah Study
- 22** 7:30 Shabbat Service
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- 29** 7:30 Shabbat Service
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